

DE VALERA TO HAVE FRIENDS AT INTERVIEW

Expected Irish Leader and Lloyd George Will Meet First Time Thursday.

TRUCE TERMS ARE FAIRLY WELL KEPT

Acts of Violence Reported Due to Failure of Bands to Receive Word.

London, July 11.—The two leading developments in the Irish situation today were the designation of next Thursday as the date on which Mr. Lloyd George and Eamon De Valera will meet in London to begin conversations looking to a settlement of the Irish question, and the coming into effect at noon of the truce in Ireland as agreed upon.

The official announcement that Mr. De Valera would come to London next Thursday to confer with the prime minister did not specify the place where the actual meeting is to be held.

Bringing His Friends

It is understood that the Irish Republican leader will have as colleagues Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Féin, and Professor John MacNeill, E. J. Duggan and Austin Stack, Sinn Féin members of parliament.

Crown Acts Quicker

In other parts of Ireland, notably Belfast, where desperate fighting occurred yesterday and continued with diminished severity this morning, the truce was observed in varying degrees, its provisions apparently being complied with more promptly by the Crown forces than the Republicans.

Acts of violence in various parts of the country were reported in considerable number up to mid-day. These clashes largely occurred in the extreme western and southern sections of Ireland, and the authorities estimated that they were due to non-receipt of notice of the truce.

Eleven Were Killed

The Central News version of the attack last night on a military patrol at Castle Island, County Kerry, said that eleven persons were killed and many wounded in a pitched battle which followed the attack.

Hold Private Meeting

Dublin, July 11.—All the available members of the Dail Eireann, or Irish Republican Parliament, returned at the last election, met private in the Mansion House here today.

Storm Benefits Exceed Damages

Whole Niagara Peninsula Storm Swept But Rejoicing in the Great Flood.

Toronto, July 11.—Storm damage in the Niagara Peninsula on Saturday was insignificant to the benefit of the abundant supply of moisture accompanying it, according to T. J. Mahoney, manager of the Niagara Growers' Limited. E. F. Palmer of the Vineland Experimental Station corroborated this view and stated that recent rains would mean many thousands of dollars to the growers of the fruit belt, especially those interested in berries and garden truck. Mr. Mahoney says plums will be about a thirty per cent crop, peaches from thirty to forty per cent, grapes from seventy to eighty and pears about eighty per cent.

Swear In Taft As Chief Justice

Washington, July 11.—Wm. Howard Taft was sworn in today as Chief Justice of the United States. The simple ceremony of elevating the former president to the supreme court was performed in the office of Attorney-General Daugherty by Justice Hoebble, of the District Supreme Court, in the absence of the justices of the supreme court from the city.

Those present included Mr. Taft's brother, Henry W. Taft, of New York, and John T. Adams, chairman of the Republican National Committee, who immediately after taking the oath, Chief Justice Taft went to the White House to pay his respects to President Harding.

N. S. MAN DROWNED.

Dismal Qu., July 11.—Jean Baptiste Gregoire, 35, was drowned in Lake Aymer near here today. He was from St. Ferdinand, Halifax, and was visiting here with a number of friends.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TOWN IS BURNING

Ashcroft, B. C., July 11.—The town of Williams Lake, a divisional point on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in the Cariboo district, is reported burning down. The fire broke out Sunday night and spread rapidly. The fire is still raging, and the property damage is estimated at \$100,000. Several stores, a hotel, a dance hall, the telegraph office and the post office have been destroyed.

MEIGHEN LIKELY TO SEE HUGHES ON TRADE PACT

Reciprocity Between Canada and Australia Subject of Negotiations Now.

COMMONWEALTH HAS RIGHT TO BARGAIN

Interview Between Premiers Expected to Pave the Way for New Trade Agreement.

Ottawa, July 11.—Reciprocity between Canada and Australia is the subject of negotiations between the government here and that of the Commonwealth, now that the latter has finally adopted its protective tariff.

Mr. Lloyd George's associates at the conference have not been announced. The Irish truce brought back to Dublin much of its old peace-time appearance, the streets lacking their usual military display and confidence being expressed that the Sinn Féin forces would observe the conditions of the armistice.

Strict observance of the truce also was observed throughout County Galway.

Australian Tariff.

The Australian tariff was brought down in resolution form a year ago and has been operative meanwhile, but it is only a few days since legislative effect was finally given to it. By this tariff, preference is given to Great Britain, but to no other dominion or country.

What Canada Gets.

Canadian imports from that country are largely fruits, meats, wool, certain kinds of wood and dairy products. Canadian exports to Australia cover a much wider range, the principal items being machinery of all kinds, automobiles, farm implements and newpaper.

Evening News Meeting.

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RUM SCHOONER'S CARGO CAPTURED

Vessel Landed Huge Stock at South Head, Cape Breton, and Officers Got Lot.

Glaco Bay, N. S., July 11.—Forty five casks of St. Pierre rum, valued at \$15,000, said to have been landed by an unidentified schooner at South Head, Cape Breton, on Saturday last, are now safely aboard the revenue cutter, Restless, off Port Morien, under the charge of customs officers.

It is said that three truck loads had been taken away before the liquor was found.

Flames Threaten Hun Ammunition

Big Dump Near Ostend, Left by the Germans, in Path of Forest Fire.

Ostend, Belgium, July 11.—An enormous depot of ammunition left by the Germans in Houthoulst forest on the old Flanders front, is threatened by a fire in the forest and as part of the ammunition consists of poison gas shells, gas masks are being distributed to the peasants in the surrounding villages. The fire is spreading rapidly owing to the protracted drought, toward the centre of the forest, where a depot is located.

The military authorities considered the distribution of the masks as a precaution against an explosion releasing the deadly gas. Houthoulst Wood was the scene of some of the bitterest fighting in the war. Held by the Germans it was first attacked by the French and later by the British, both attacks were repulsed with enormous losses. The wood was finally captured by the Belgians in October 1918.

MACHINE GUNS AND FIRES IN BELFAST RIOT

News of Truce Does Not Stay Heavy Fighting in Northern City.

THREE CORNERED FIGHT CONTINUES

Dublin Uprising Only Event That Caused Great Loss of Property in Ireland.

Belfast, July 11.—Incendiaries, which was one of the worst features of Sunday's disorders, increased to-night, there being frequent outbreaks. A fire at Short Strand, where the Corporation stores are situated, was quenched, but several spirit grocers in the Leopold district were burned out. The police were fired upon tonight in York street, but no one was hit.

Damage is Large

In the extent of material damage to property, Sunday's rioting here can be compared to that during the Dublin rising in 1916. A fierce and savage spirit animated the factions throughout the whole day and evening and large areas of the city were swept by rifle, revolver and machine gun fire. From the confusion of conflicting accounts printed in the various party papers an attempt to impute responsibility for the disturbances cannot be made, but it seems clear it was a three-fold fight between Sinn Féin and Unionist supporters and Crown forces, the latter endeavoring to end the hostilities.

ALBERTA HAS 48 CANDIDATES OF THE FARMERS

Premier Stuart Only Man in Province to be Returned by Acclamation.

EIGHT WOMEN IN THE CONTEST

Independent Nominations Represent Many Different Types of Politics.

Edmonton, Alta., July 11.—Liberals and Farmers today lined up their official forces in preparation for the election in Alberta on Monday next of a new legislature. Tonight there are 159 candidates in the field. There are fourteen Conservatives, fifteen Labor candidates, nineteen who are called Independents and two Socialists.

Conservative Candidates

The Conservatives are running full slates in Calgary and Edmonton. There are eight Labor candidates in Edmonton and three in Calgary, and one Socialist in the field in each city. The Independent candidates represent a wide variety in political opinion and the six Alberta under this heading, include "Bob" Edwards publisher of Eye Opener. There are thirty-six rural constituencies where Liberal and Farmer candidates are meeting in straight two-candidate contests. These include the ridings where all of Premier Stewart's cabinet colleagues are seeking election.

Far East Policy

"The broad lines of the Imperial policy in the Pacific and the Far East was the very first subject to which we addressed ourselves, having special regard to the Anglo-Japanese agreement, the future of China and the relations of both these questions on the bearing of the British Empire with the United States. We were guided in our deliberations by three main considerations.

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TOO HOT FOR THIS REVIEW

French Cancel Military Manoeuvres at Longchamp Because of the Heat.

Paris, July 11.—The Senate today adopted a resolution providing for cancellation of the annual July 14 military review in Longchamp, owing to the extreme heat.

LLOYD GEORGE TO COME TO AMERICA?

London, July 11.—Premier Lloyd George may visit the United States to attend some of the meetings, at least, in connection with President Harding's proposed conference, according to the Daily Mail.

EDMONTON NOMINATION

Edmonton, July 11.—Twenty-eight candidates were nominated officially here this afternoon as candidates for the legislature to represent the capital city in next Monday's elections. The five candidates receiving the highest votes will be elected.

NAVY RESERVISTS DEMAND MONEY

St. Johns, Nfld., July 11.—A body of naval reservists who served with the British fleet during the war, marched to the Parliament House today and at the bar of the assembly demanded payment of prize money which they said was due them. The government contends that the equivalent of the amount asked has already been paid.

News of The World

CANADA

Herbert Downie, secretary Central Baptist Sunday School, St. John, N. B., drowned at Brookville N. B., yesterday.

British Columbia town is reported burning from bush fires.

Ram schooner's cargo worth \$15,000 is captured at South Head, C. B.

Mystery steamer was seen at close view by British ship 750 miles off Halifax.

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BRITISH SHIP MAY HAVE MET OCEAN PIRATE

"Croxeth Hall" Encountered Strange Vessel 750 Miles Southeast of Halifax.

RUNNING WITHOUT REGULATION LIGHTS

Steamed Completely Around British Freighter and Refused to Talk.

New York, July 11.—An unknown ship, which was violating international maritime regulations by running without proper lights and which refused to respond to signals asking her identity, was sighted last week 750 miles southeasterly from Halifax by the British steamship Croxeth Hall, which arrived today from Hull and Antwerp.

According to a report made by Captain Spencer of the Croxeth Hall, Sanderson & Sons, agents, the ship apparently a small freighter, was first observed ahead of him, showing a stern light. The Croxeth Hall caught up with the vessel, which suddenly swerved in her course and then came right at the British vessel. The stranger passed astern, went around and came up again on the opposite side.

All Lights Out

The red and green running lights indicating the port and starboard sides of the ship were not lighted, Captain Spencer said, and as soon as the Croxeth Hall came up the single stern light disappeared, repeated efforts to signal the steamer by flash light code and by wireless brought no answer. The vessel, after running with the Croxeth Hall a short time turned away and disappeared.

When the stranger was sighted the weather was rough, but not so thick that the vessel could not be seen clearly by the British captain. His first thought was it might be one of the sea patrol ships, but failure to answer signals and absence of regulation lights disproved this theory.

Agents of the line, while admitting they were puzzled at the unusual occasion, said they did not connect it with recent unverified reports that a mystery ship with piratical intent was operating off the Atlantic coast.

LAUDS HARDING FOR PART TAKEN IN NAVAL PLANS

World Awaited America's Lead Says Lloyd George in the Commons.

GREAT CHEERING OVER MESSAGE

Far East Problems to be Considered by the Same Conference.

London, July 11.—President Harding's message looking to the calling of an international conference on the limitation of armaments has been received with the utmost pleasure by Great Britain, Mr. Lloyd George declared in the House of Commons today.

Speaking on the subject of the U. S. communication, the premier said: "I have never seen any message so warmly received as the message of President Harding's wise and courageous initiative."

The House cheered this statement and the premier added: "In saying that, I speak for the Empire as a whole."

The premier said China would be invited to attend the conference on Pacific affairs.

Waited for America

The premier continued: "The world has been looking to the United States for such a lead. I am confident that the House will esteem it as an act of far seeing statesmanship and will wholeheartedly wish it success. No effort will be lacking to make it so on the part of the British Empire, which shares to the full the liberal and progressive spirit inspiring it."

Colonel George Harvey, the U. S. ambassador, was in the gallery of the House to hear the premier's statement.

Mr. Lloyd George began his statement by referring to the Anglo-Japanese treaty. He said the Japanese government took the view that no notice of denunciation of the treaty had been given, and that this view was also held by Lord Curzon, the foreign minister.

The matter was referred to the Lord Chancellor, the premier declared, who after a consultation with the law officers of the Crown held that no notice had yet been given and that the treaty therefore remained in force.

It was, however, Mr. Lloyd George said, the desire of both parties that the agreement be brought into complete harmony with the covenant of the League of Nations.

Naval Reservists Demand Money

March to Newfoundland Parliament Buildings to Ask for Prize Cash.

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BRITAIN SUFFERING FROM DRY SPELL

London, July 11.—The great heat continues and Great Britain is suffering from the prolonged drought. There has been practically no rain in the South of England for two months and the highest temperatures for the past forty years have been recorded for the months of June and July. Extensive heat fires are reported from all over the country and thousands of acres have been consumed. There is a water famine in many districts and supplies are being carted from great distances.

FREIGHT VESSEL ABLAZE; CREW IS LANDED SAFELY

Fire Followed An Explosion When Off the Scilly Islands, Lands End.

SEVERAL SEAMEN REPORTED INJURED

Early Reports Suggest That One Man is Missing and Probably Killed.

London, July 11.—The United States steamer Western Front, of Seattle, Wash., which left Jacksonville on June 22 for London and Hamburg, is about six miles south of the Scilly Islands, near Lands End, England. Fire then broke out, says the report, and was not checked. One member of the crew is missing and several were injured. Later advice say the members of the Western Front's crew were taken off by the British Earl, which transferred to a life boat from St. Mary's and landed on that island.

An explosion occurred in the hold of the Western Front when the vessel was about ten miles south of the Scilly Islands, near Lands End, England. Fire then broke out, says the report, and was not checked. One member of the crew is missing and several were injured. Later advice say the members of the Western Front's crew were taken off by the British Earl, which transferred to a life boat from St. Mary's and landed on that island.

Bandit Gang Got \$16,000 in New York and \$5,000 in Schenectady, N. Y.

New York, July 11.—Five robbers today held up the cashier and assistant cashier of the Horton Ice Cream Company outside the company's office on East Twenty-fourth street and escaped in an automobile with \$16,000 cash. The employees were starting for a bank with the money in a satchel.

Got About \$5,000

Schenectady, N. Y., July 11.—Two armed men entered the jewelry store of Charles Grupper in State street this afternoon, held up Grupper, who was alone in the store, and escaped with diamonds and jewelry valued at \$5,000.

Harding Abandons Journey To Alaska

Washington Officials to Spend Busy Summer at Their Desks.

Washington, July 11.—The United States government has decided to remain in Washington this summer. President Harding, it was learned today, has about given up hope of going to Alaska, a trip which he planned to make if Congress adjourned.

A poll of the cabinet today showed that all of the members have made plans to stay here, and that Secretary Hughes already has taken summer home here. Secretary Mellon may do so. Postmaster General Hays will make week-end trips to Indiana, and Attorney-General Daugherty to Ohio, when they can. Secretary of Commerce Hoover won't try to get away. Secretary Fall may make an irrigation and reclamation trip through the west, but it will be a hurried one.

The Senate today was on record against a recess.

The decision of the government to stay here caused a number of foreign diplomats to cancel options on summer homes and reservations at summer hotels. It is customary for a diplomat to stay close to the government to which he is accredited.

CADETS UNDER CANVAS

Sydney, N. S., July 11.—Four hundred cadets from the Sydney district will go under canvas here tomorrow for the annual week's military training. Colonel Alderson, of the Staff, will command the camp and a party of thirty N. C. O.'s and instructors from Halifax are already on the ground waiting for the various corps to arrive.

STATES' PEACE CALL BIGGEST NEWS IN YEARS

Wild Scenes of Joy, Equalled Only at Armistice, When Announcement Made.

MEIGHEN CONFERS AT DOWNING STREET

Entire British Press Strongly Supporting Message from President Harding.

By GRATTA O'LEARY (Canadian Press Staff Correspondent)

London, July 11.—The world is on the eve of one of the most epochal events in history. This is the universal verdict of the newspapers and statesmen here following President Harding's offer and the British Government's acceptance, in connection with the holding of a conference for the discussion of disarmament and Pacific problems.

The scene in the House of Commons this afternoon when Premier Lloyd George announced Great Britain's hearty acquiescence in the proposal was a memorable one.

Epoch Making Speech

The British Premier spoke to a hushed and crowded chamber and when he declared that the government welcomed such a move and would do its utmost to make it a success, there was a crash of cheering from all quarters, which, in the opinion of old journalists in the press gallery, has never been equalled since the announcement of the armistice with Germany.

Mr. Lloyd George spoke with an earnestness worthy of the momentous subject with which he had to deal and the emphasis which he placed upon his declaration that if the conference failed it would not be because the British Empire withheld its support, led no doubt in the minds of the members of the House as to the government's sincerity.

Meighen With Premier

Downing Street and the Foreign office pulsated with activity throughout the day. Premier Meighen, who as the representative of Canada and the strongest advocate in the Congress of Empire Premiers of the step which has been taken, has come to be regarded here as almost an interpreter of New World sentiment. He had a lengthy conference with Premier Lloyd George in the morning. Lord Curzon the British Foreign Secretary being present.

Later on Lord Curzon conferred with the Japanese Ambassador, and the afternoon after the British Prime Minister made his statement to the House of Commons, the conference of premiers went into session.

Press Supports Harding

The British press is unanimous in stating that the step taken by President Harding was made possible only by the conference of premiers. It laid the foundation for what has been done, and the United States president did not make his offer, and quite properly, until he was certain that the complete vindication of his stand, as well as of the Mother Country, believed such a step should be taken, which they had little faith in the possibility of its being brought about.

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Cloudburst Nearly Hit Three Towns

Gloversville, N. Y., Centre of Terrific Storm of Lightning and Rain.

Gloversville, N. Y., July 11.—The villages of Wells, Speculator and Lake Pleasant in Hamilton County, were threatened by a cloudburst this morning and in many instances residents of that locality were compelled to flee to safety. Communications with that section of the Adirondacks is impossible.

Bridges were destroyed roads washed out and drivers of automobiles were forced to leave their machines in the roadway and flee before the rising torrent.

Meagre reports of the storm were received in this city late this afternoon but because of the condition of the telephones and telegraph lines in the vicinity of the three villages, it is impossible to learn the extent of the damage.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—Elsie Ferguson in "Lady Rose's Daughter."

OPERA HOUSE—Jack Root Musical Comedy Co.

QUEEN SQUARE—Conway Tearle in "Marooned Hearts."

STAR—"Rogues and Romances," Pathe Special and "Phantom Foot."